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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**  
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9 LEONARD W. HILL

10 Petitioner,

11 vs.

12 BRIAN WILLIAMS, et al.,

13 Respondents.  
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Case No. 2:17-cv-00155-APG-VCF

**ORDER**

15 Petitioner has paid the filing fee. He has also submitted a motion for appointment of  
16 counsel (ECF No. 2). Petitioner is unable to afford counsel, and the issues presented warrant the  
17 appointment of counsel. See 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B).

18 Petitioner has filed a motion for leave for additional time to submit his financial certificate  
19 and other relief (ECF No. 6). This motion is moot because petitioner has paid the filing fee.

20 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the clerk of the court file the petition.

21 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel (ECF No.  
22 2) is **GRANTED**. The Federal Public Defender is provisionally appointed to represent petitioner.

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Federal Public Defender shall have thirty (30) days  
24 from the date that this order is entered to undertake direct representation of petitioner or to indicate  
25 to the court his inability to represent petitioner in these proceedings. If the Federal Public Defender  
26 does undertake representation of petitioner, he shall then have sixty (60) days to file an amended  
27 petition for a writ of habeas corpus. If the Federal Public Defender is unable to represent petitioner,  
28 then the court shall appoint alternate counsel.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that neither the foregoing deadline nor any extension thereof  
2 signifies or will signify any implied finding of a basis for tolling during the time period established.  
3 Petitioner at all times remains responsible for calculating the running of the federal limitation  
4 period under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1) and timely asserting claims.

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk shall add Adam Paul Laxalt, Attorney General  
6 for the State of Nevada, as counsel for respondents.


7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk shall electronically serve both the Attorney  
8 General of the State of Nevada and the Federal Public Defender a copy of the petition and a copy of  
9 this order.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondents' counsel shall enter a notice of appearance  
11 within twenty (20) days of entry of this order, but no further response shall be required from  
12 respondents until further order of the court.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any exhibits filed by the parties shall be filed with a  
14 separate index of exhibits identifying the exhibits by number or letter. The CM/ECF attachments  
15 that are filed further shall be identified by the number or numbers (or letter or letters) of the exhibits  
16 in the attachment. The hard copy of any additional state court record exhibits shall be  
17 forwarded—for this case—to the staff attorneys in Las Vegas.

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner's motion for leave for additional time to submit  
19 his financial certificate and other relief (ECF No. 6) is **DENIED** as moot.

20 DATED: August 14, 2017.

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24 ANDREW P. GORDON  
25 United States District Judge  
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